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1. On 31 May 1951, eight swept-back jet fighters were parked at the western end of the runway of Brandenburg-Briest airfield. Four had a blue stripe on their tail assemblies and two had the black numbers 610 and 612. Two other fighters had a light-red stripe on their rudder assemblies and the black numbers 507 and 508. The seventh aircraft had a dark-red stripe, and its number could not be seen. The eighth fighter had a yellow stripe and a black number, either 606 or 608. Three other jet fighters were seen in the middle of the field, while four jet fighters and one biplane were parked near the airfield control tower. (1)

2. At 12:40 p.m. flying was started with the eight swept-back jet fighters. It was observed that each plane was boarded by only one man. Individual local flights over the airfield were made at short intervals. Pilots of the aircraft were not changed. Stunt flying was practiced in a clear sky for up to 35 minutes. At 2 p.m. the biplane took off, headed for Brandenburg. Flying was discontinued at 4:30 p.m.

3. A radio installation with four masts and a small tent in the center was seen in the western extension of the runway. A wire led from each of the braced masts into the tent from which a rod antenna projected. Aircraft flew over this radio installation as they came in for landing. (2) Three radio trucks, two trucks, and two tank trucks were observed at the 25X1B take off point. [REDACTED]

4. During the period from 30 May to 5 June 1951, the airfield was still occupied by 20 MiG-15 jet fighters. Two groups of eight planes each was parked each on side of the taxiway in the eastern section of the field, and the other four were parked as alert aircraft near the runway.

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5. On 31 May and 1 June 1951, there was intensive flying at the field. During the night the field was fully lighted. At 7:10 p.m. the field was approached by 22 MiG-15s arriving in groups of two from the west. The planes landed individually within a period of eight minutes. At 9:45 p.m. 36 MiG-15s took off in groups of two with their landing lights on. They landed about 10:20 p.m. At 10:04 p.m. 18 single-engine low-wing monoplanes landed at the field. They took off again in groups of five at 10:22 p.m. Flying with conventional and jet aircraft continued until 3 a.m. on the morning of 1 June 1951. 40 MiG-15s and 18 single-engine low-wing monoplanes were observed at the field. The monoplanes were fitted with radial engines, had tapering leading edges on their wings and straight trailing edges, with wing tips rounded off. The aircraft had small rudder assemblies, were painted green and had numbers on their fuselages. Intensive flying continued until about 1:30 p.m. In several cases source observed that two MiG-15s refueled from one tank truck. At 10:30 a.m. a twin-engine 25X1C IL-2 transport landed at the field and took off at 11:30 a.m.

6. As of 21 May 1951, two platoons of 32 and 36 air force recruits armed with carbines and submachine guns have been seen engaged in close order drill and field training in forest districts No 23, 24, 13, 14, 21, and 20. This training was conducted by infantry NCOs. After 1 June 1951, a third platoon of 42 soldiers was observed. One of the platoons was quartered in barracks in forest district No 24; the two other platoons were quartered in the Landesanstalt (mental hospital) in Goerden.
7. The only feature differentiating the single-seater from the two-seater jet ~~planes~~ seemed to be the different sizes of their cockpits. (3)
8. Up to 11 June 1951, the field was occupied by 20 MiG-15s. There was no flying during the period from 7 to 10 June, but night flights were made on 11 June.
9. During the period from 12 to 16 June 1951, 12 MiG-15s and seven IL-10s were observed at the field. On 12 June, seven MiG-15s were seen flying in formation. Three of these planes had the red numbers 534, 536, and 591 and a red stripe on their rudder assemblies, while the four other fighters had black numbers, of which No 711 was recognized. (4) On 14 June, four MiG-15s were seen flying in formation. There was no flying on 15 and 16 June.

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- (1) The field is occupied by a fighter regiment equipped with MiG-15s. According to available information these aircraft are marked either by red numbers ranging from 500 to 599 and a red stripe on their rudder assemblies or by black numbers ranging from 700 to 799 and a black stripe on their rudder

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- (2) An Adcock DF station.
- (3) It was previously reported that both single-seater and two-seater MiG-15 aircraft are stationed in Brandenburg-Briest.
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